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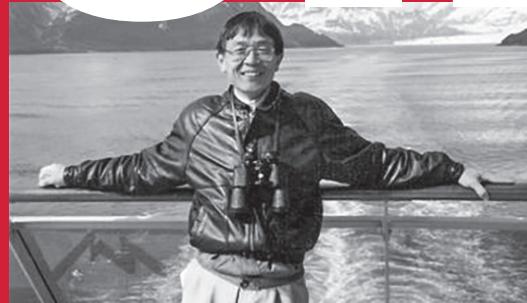
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# letters

## MAKE EUGENE A DEMOCRACY FOR ALL

Regarding City Club of Eugene President Andrew Kalloch's Sept. 7 Viewpoint "What Makes Eugene, Eugene," I suggest that is an open question and to elucidate it we must first ask: What is the viability of Eugene's institutions insofar as they even remotely approximate something like a free society based on citizen participation?

The City Club's lineup for this year's speakers begins with Dr. Johnny Lake to discuss race, culture and ethnicity. But what about working class people in a city dominated by the middle class?

In elucidating the question of the viability of free institutions — which require citizen participation — the people most likely to be involved in political life, in voluntary associations and to vote are, whether we like it or not, college educated people with middle class incomes.

Such people create and formulate ideas about where Eugene is, where it should go and why — people close to the levers of power.

The key issue in Eugene as well as American society is the organization of the economy and the relation between corporate and governmental power.

Will the City Club face that issue head on and foster citizen equality, the key value of democracy? Or will it reinforce the continued dominance of the middle class? It's a dominance that group does not deserve, particularly if we are true to democracy's key value, citizen equality.

Sam Porter  
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## THE FIERCE URGENCY OF NOW

If you were on a ship in the middle of the ocean and it started taking on water, you would become alarmed and head for the lifeboats. We are now on a planet in the middle of space which is rapidly taking on heat. There are no lifeboats to take us to a nonexistent Planet B, yet the level of alarm is remarkably low.

The rising temperatures are causing unprecedented heatwaves, unprecedented wildfires, unprecedent-

ed droughts and unprecedented hurricanes. The word "unprecedented" no longer shocks us. Yet the engine light is flashing as we drive down the road to destroying the planet. What to do?

It has been established beyond doubt that the burning of fossil fuels is responsible for the climate situation in which we find ourselves, so we must stop burning them ASAP. The very profitable fossil fuel industry has known of these climate consequences for decades. Their power is money, and they have successfully out-lobbied scientists and funded politicians. Meanwhile, they've offered unproven, inadequate or financially infeasible solutions such as carbon sequestration, renewable natural gas and carbon offsets.

Only a mass groundswell of alarmed citizens — that means you and me — demanding action will convince our elected officials to act. Politicians may compromise, but physics does not. We can't spend money on renewable energy projects and then permit more fossil fuel projects. If you want to leave our children a decent world, start now. Speak out, vote pro-climate and, most effectively, join with climate activists. Time is not on our side.

Carolyn Partridge  
Eugene

## THREE BLIND MICE ON THE LANE COUNTY COMMISSION

In August, the conservative majority on the Board of County Commissioners (Pat Farr, David Loveall and Ryan Ceniga) pushed and bullied the County Administrator and Legal Counsel to find a way to "pause" pending code violation fines that began in 2007 on a 5-acre property in west Eugene. Today, an un-finalized 2001 ag structure permit is all there is to show for the unfinished four-story 8,900-square-foot commercial scale building on the property.

A 2007 notice stated, "In 2001, Lane County Land Management notified you that the two-story structure... had been built with neither land use nor building approvals," and "the permit was not issued and expired-by-limit on April 13, 2005." A May 2022 notice stated, "build-

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On August 21, 2023, a notice of financial penalty of \$780 per day, reduced from "up to \$2,000/day," was issued, following the direction to staff from three commissioners, as noted above. Currently, a local real estate agent is advertising showings of the unpermitted, 8,900-square-foot, four-story building for \$1,399,000, ignoring a "no trespassing" sign the county has posted for public safety reasons.

County residents should be concerned about the liability the three conservative commissioners have imposed on us by inexplicably enabling ongoing dismissiveness of county laws by one individual. Those commissioners' actions indicate their own disregard for the interests of the county they were elected to protect.

Lauri Segel  
Eugene

### A NEW STADIUM MAY NOT HELP ECONOMY

I understand the city and county governments are debating whether to finance a stadium facility for the Ems, although I wasn't able to see any documentation about this transaction on the

city of Eugene website. Some argue that supporting sports franchises helps the community and are culturally valuable institutions. However, this franchise would siphon local money out of our community into the pockets of the Elmore Sports Group, which has no real stake in our resilience and sustainability.

Academic research shows that no benefit comes to city economic development. A 2008 article in *Policy Perspectives* says, "Across the nation, franchises have argued that building a new stadium will lead to economic development in the form of increased incomes, jobs and tax revenues. However, the preponderance of academic research has disputed these claims... Stadiums seeking franchises are now shying away from making economic development claims in light of the strong research findings."

Clare Strawn  
Eugene

### BUILD THE NEW STADIUM

Grass roots Civic Stadium supporters battled for years to save the stadium. Eventually, they convinced 4J School Board to sell the stadium to the city, who sold it to Eugene Civic Alliance. Then, on a sorry day in July 2015, our precious stadium burned to the ground. We lost our stadium!

One of the concerns about a new stadium is that MiLB will drop the Emeralds and move to another town. So what! Guess what? It happened in 1974, and thanks to Hugh Luby and others we fielded an independent team that won the 1974 Northwest League baseball pennant.

Another concern is that the new stadium might not be utilized year round. At Civic Stadium a huge funeral was attended by hundreds, Eugene high school held graduation ceremonies there, the Eugene Bombers played football there, and the Eugene Rodeo was held there. The possibilities are endless for interesting events that could be held at a new stadium.

Another concern: It will lower real estate prices for nearby homes. College Hill overlooking the old stadium didn't lose house values; in fact, it has always been a popular place to live.

Once built, the new Civic Stadium would serve thousands of hard working Eugene tax-paying citizens who love baseball, who love safe reasonably priced family entertainment, who love a beer, who love a hot dog smothered in ketchup and mustard and who love to have fun.

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# The Insurrection Election

DECIDING IF TRUMP QUALIFIES FOR THE OREGON BALLOT IN 2024 FALLS SQUARELY ON OUR NEW SECRETARY OF STATE

**F**ormer Oregon Secretary of State Shemia Fagan left office in disrepute, but on one important occasion she did her job well. Her successor, LaVonne Griffin-Valade, will need to do the same — under conditions far more stressful than those Fagan faced.

In the fall of 2022, *New York Times* columnist Nicholas Kristof was generating buzz as an outsider candidate for governor. A Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist, Kristof looked like an exciting new force on the political scene.

But officials in the Elections Division concluded that he did not meet the Oregon Constitution's requirement of three years' residency before a gubernatorial election.

Kristof was outraged, telling Twitter followers that "A failing political establishment in Oregon has chosen to protect itself, rather than give voters a choice." The Oregon Supreme Court, however, ruled unanimously that Fagan had acted correctly. She emerged from the conflict looking better than her detractors.

Now Griffin-Valade must decide whether Donald Trump is "qualified" for Oregon's Republican presidential primary ballot. Compared to this choice, Kristof's case was a walk in the park. Is Trump disqualified from federal office because he has "engaged in insurrection or rebellion against the [United States], or given aid or comfort to the enemies thereof" by his role in the Jan. 6 attack on the U.S. Capitol?

The "insurrection" test is enshrined in Section Three of the Fourteenth Amendment. Did Trump cross the line? Surely, he walked right up to it: While a violent mob was assaulting law enforcement and chanting "Hang Mike Pence," Trump encouraged them, tweeting that "Mike Pence didn't have the courage to do what should have been done." Pence escaped the assault by a stroke of luck; by another, the U.S. government was not overthrown by mob action and official connivance.

I have taught constitutional law for 30 years. If I were secretary of state, I would still have to think hard about two questions: First, is Trump disqualified by Section Three? And, second, who has the authority to decide that?

Last month, two outstanding scholars concluded that Trump is disqualified, and that the duty of barring him from office falls to, among others, America's 51 secretaries of state. William Baude of the University of Chicago and Michael Stokes Paulsen of the University of St. Thomas, staunch conservatives and adornments of the Federalist Society, published a paper, "The Scope and Force of Section Three," laying out the history behind that conclusion. They contend that Section Three applies to Trump's actions on Jan. 6, and that his disqualification is "self-executing" — it doesn't require a conviction, court action or legislative vote. As of Jan. 7, 2021, they argue, Trump simply has been ineligible to serve as president. Any official who has sworn to support the

Constitution, they suggest, must treat his candidacy as void.

Trump has made little secret of his plan to return to the White House and engineer what he called "the termination of all rules, regulations and articles, even those found in the Constitution." If Baude and Paulsen are right, then Griffin-Valade is one of the republic's lines of defense. It would be not her choice but her duty to bar Trump from the Republican primary ballot.

Other constitutional scholars have joined the chorus in recent weeks — the most prominent being Harvard professor Laurence Tribe and former Federal Judge J. Michael Luttig. Two out-of-state advocacy groups have already written to Griffin-Valade urging her to take similar action.

**Is Trump disqualified from federal office because he has 'engaged in insurrection or rebellion against the [United States], or given aid or comfort to the enemies thereof' by his role in the Jan. 6 attack on the U.S. Capitol?**

Under Oregon law, presidential primary candidates reach the ballot in one of two ways. First, the secretary may list any candidate "generally advocated or ... recognized in national news media"; second, a candidate may submit the signatures of at least 6,000 voters. The announcement of "generally advocated" candidates comes at the end of January; the decision about candidates by petition takes place in March. Whatever Griffin-Valade decides, the question is all but certain to end up in court.

She will face partisan blowback and even potential danger either way. We as citizens are entitled to send her our views, but we are not entitled to demand that she decide the issue one way or the other; fulfilling an oath is a matter for a detailed legal opinion in the first instance and, in the second, the individual conscience of the official. But what we should expect is that her office will make the decision with the same dispassion, care and scorn for partisanship that Fagan showed when she blocked the popular Kristof in 2022. ■

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# James Manning is in the Running

STATE SEN. JAMES MANNING ANNOUNCES RUN FOR OREGON SECRETARY OF STATE

By Emerson Brady

**W**hen James Manning was sworn into office as an Oregon state senator in 2016, he says he had a few goals in mind: to “improve the quality of life in the present and lay out a pathway forward for our future generations where they don’t have to go through some of the missteps and inequities that have already existed.”

Manning is taking those goals with him as he announced his run for Oregon secretary of state in the 2024 election Wednesday, Sept. 13 at the Historic Mims House in Eugene. If Manning wins election, he would be the first person of color to be elected Oregon secretary of state.

As secretary of state, Manning would be the chief elections officer as well as be in charge of administering public records and auditing public accounts. Oregon doesn’t have a lieutenant governor, making the secretary of state next in line to succeed the governor.

Manning has been a public servant most of his life.

He served in the U.S. Army for 24 years and worked on a variety of nonprofit and education boards such as the Pearl Buck Center and the Bethel School District Budget Committee. He later became a state senator, representing District 7 for the past seven years. For Manning, running for secretary of state seemed like the next step in helping establish more stable leadership in Oregon’s government that would support his overall goals as a public servant.

“I think with a stable leadership, with family values and a strong moral background, I am the best candidate for that,” Manning tells *Eugene Weekly*.

The secretary of state position has seen turnover since Jeanne Atkins retired in 2017. Most notably, with former Secretary of State Shemia Fagan’s decision to

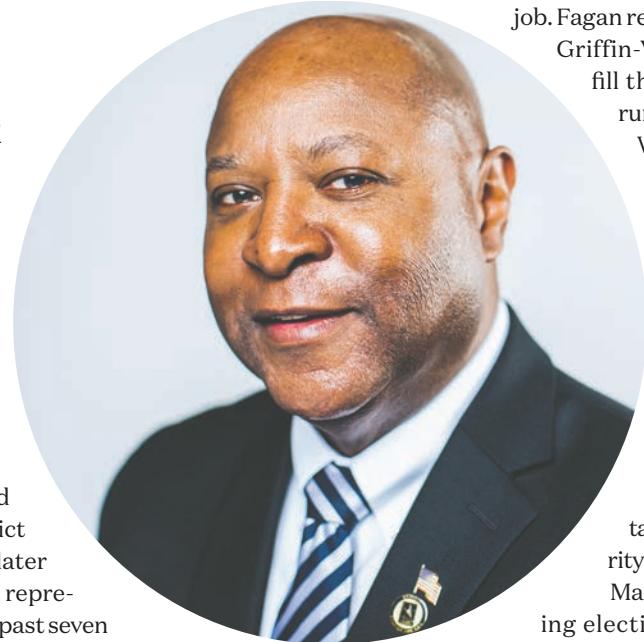


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take on consulting work for one of the state’s largest cannabis companies and Democratic donors. Fagan’s audits show her suggesting that Oregon needs to loosen cannabis regulations, causing speculation as to whether those audits were influenced by her consulting job. Fagan resigned last May 2023. LaVonne Griffin-Valade, who was appointed to fill the vacancy, has said she is not running in the 2024 election. Early Wednesday morning, Sept. 13, Oregon Treasurer Tobias Read of Beaverton also announced his run for secretary of state.

The high turnover in the position over the past few years, along with what Manning calls a “distrust in public officials,” has inspired him to build his campaign on stable and strong leadership that will last. “What’s most important is to restore the trust and integrity in that office,” he says.

Manning also wants to put expanding election opportunities at the forefront of his campaign. He is very vocal about protecting election workers in every county in Oregon as well as supporting mail-in ballots so those in rural areas can vote without having to take a day off of work to do so.

“I will be working across the state to come up with more ideas for how we can give everyone access to the ballot,” he says.

One decision relating to the ballot that states across the country may be handling is whether former Presi-

**With its 20-year Integrated Resource Plan (IRP), Eugene Water and Electric Board (EWEB), has jumped on the Small Modular Nuclear Reactor (SMR) bandwagon.** The purported advantages of SMRs? According to EWEB, their output can be dispatched as needed; their fuel is reliable; and nuclear power “has one of the lowest lifetime carbon emission rates of any energy resource.” None of these holds up to close scrutiny.

Most SMRs require lots of water for cooling, which makes them vulnerable to shut down during times of excessive heat and drought — right when energy demands are peaking. Forced shutdowns of nuclear plants due to heat waves have already occurred in France. Additionally, the global supply of uranium is likely to run out before SMRs reach the end of their lifespan, and more than a third of known global deposits of uranium are low-grade. Carbon emissions from SMRs fueled with low-grade uranium could exceed those of methane-generated electricity, far outstripping the carbon footprint of other renewables.<sup>1</sup>

So much for the advantages. The disadvantages of SMRs are legion. They depend on one of the most toxic neocolonial extractive processes on the planet. They are costly and risky. SMRs generate radioactive waste for which we have no solution. Plus they are intimately tied to the proliferation of nuclear weapons.

Risks to human and environmental health begin with uranium mining, which leaves in its wake radiation-contaminated soil and water and untold numbers of deaths from radiation poisoning, largely among people of color. **Most deposits are located on Indigenous lands or in countries with poor environmental protections, a gross environmental injustice.**

## NUCLEAR POWER WILL NOT SAVE US

If that’s not appalling enough, cost alone should deter us. According to one Wall Street firm SMR cost estimates per megawatt hour will be 2.5 - 8 times higher than for wind and solar.<sup>2</sup>

SMR promoters point to the safety records of reactors: only three “significant” accidents in 60 years (Chernobyl, Three Mile Island, Fukushima). Ignoring at least four other accidents involving radiation releases, many that resulted in worker deaths, and near misses. Even more sobering are a series of papers published by the New York Academy of Scientists that peg human deaths from Chernobyl alone at more than one million.

SMRs propose to have fail-safe mechanisms that prevent meltdown and, in the event of meltdown, would not produce the volume of radioactive contamination as a conventional reactor. But how do those safeguards perform against sabotage or in theaters of war? In an increasingly militarized, belligerent world, do we really want thousands of small reactors located in communities with no security forces? Perhaps the thorniest issue is radioactive waste. EWEB, like other SMR supporters, is whistling in the dark stating in its IRP: “It is anticipated that managing or recycling radioactive waste will evolve as SMRs become commissioned.” In the US we are no closer to establishing a national depository for radiation waste than we were in the 1950s.

In addition, a 2022 paper from the National Academy of Sciences found that SMRs will produce greater volumes of radioactive waste than conventional reactors.<sup>3</sup> High-level radioactive waste, which includes uranium and plutonium, remains in the environment for hundreds of thousands of years, a toxic legacy that we should not wish on our descendants.

This brings us to the problem of plutonium which, along with uranium, is an isotope used in atomic weapons. Because only tiny amounts of plutonium exist in the natural world, plutonium for nuclear weapons is exclusively obtained as a by-product of nuclear power generation. Ditto for the particular isotope of uranium used in nuclear weapons. Without nuclear reactors, you can’t make nuclear bombs.<sup>4</sup> This may explain why the US remains keen on nuclear energy.

Fortunately, safer, cleaner, and less fraught solutions — including wind, solar, and high-efficiency electric appliances such as heat pumps — are now more affordable thanks to the Inflation Reduction Act. A number of recommendations were outlined in a recent letter sent to EWEB endorsed by 40 organizations. Student advocates will hold a climate strike in Eugene on Sept. 15 calling on EWEB to lead in a clean and just transition to renewable energy plus other important calls to action.

**Atomic Bamboozle: The False Promise of a Nuclear Renaissance**, a new documentary by Portland filmmaker Jan Haaken, explores these issues in depth. For virtual and live screenings of the film contact Haaken at Outreach@jhaaken.com

<sup>1</sup> <https://theecologist.org/2015/feb/05/false-solution-nuclear-power-not-low-carbon>

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## It Must Be the Climate

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dent Donald Trump will be allowed on the ballot for the 2024 election. Manning says that he is aware the 14th Amendment might bar Trump from being on the ballot, but he is waiting for judicial clarification before commenting any further.

One of Manning's primary goals while working in the Senate was to create a statewide, comprehensive health care board for all that is appointed by the governor and housed under the Department of Consumer and Busi-

ness Services. Manning has been leading the charge with Senate Bill 1089, which would establish a board that would be in charge of designing an administrative structure for a universal health care plan. Manning says that this plan is in its final stages in the Senate.

"I have been working on this bill for seven years and I am very pleased with the direction that it continues to move forward in," he says.

In addition to working on health care, Manning has

a track record of working on homelessness task forces in Eugene, and he has enacted and signed a number of bills relating to gun control, including HB 2005, which defines "undetectable firearms" and punishes manufacturing and selling them.

"I feel as now the next step for conserving the people of Oregon is the secretary of state," Manning says. "I have a proven record of caring and sharing and bipartisanship. It's time to restore the confidence and trust." ■

# slant

• **The second and final round of Best of Eugene** opened Sept. 7 and runs through noon Sept. 29. Don't see a category you think we should have? Send us a note at [Editor@EugeneWeekly.com](mailto:Editor@EugeneWeekly.com) or make a suggestion when you vote at [BestofEugene.com](http://BestofEugene.com). Are you one of the awesome people or places that was nominated? Let all your friends and followers know to vote for you! Spread it on social media. Heck, you can even take out an ad in the *Weekly* itself.

Voting needs to be clean — you can only vote once — but campaigning is the Wild West!

• **Concerned about PeaceHealth's proposal to close Eugene's only hospital? Who isn't?**

Check out Save Eugene's Hospital Community Town Hall from 3 pm to 5 pm Friday, Sept 15, at Firefighters Union Hall, 160 Madison Street. Former City Councilor Claire Syrett says the program will include speakers addressing the impacts of the proposed closing of University District Hospital, which the nonprofit PeaceHealth says isn't making enough money, and will allow attendees to share concerns and ask questions. More info is available at [SaveEugenesHospital.com](http://SaveEugenesHospital.com), which is run by the Oregon Nurses Association.



• **What are you missing if you don't tune into EugeneWeekly.com?** Mayor Lucy Vinis announces she isn't running for office again in 2024 and threw her support behind City Club of Eugene past president and housing advocate Kaarin Knudson. Intern Josiah Pensado covers the Oregon State Fire Marshal's office's efforts to educate the public about wildfire dangers and steps people can take to protect their homes and property. Want to track fires? The prolific Pensado also covers Watch Duty, the free app that has become the go-to tool for obsessive firewatchers all around Oregon in this season of out of control wildfires.

• **The Prefontaine Classic comes to Hayward Field Sept. 16 and 17**, which means Eugene will be briefly home to the fastest people in the world. The winners in the 100 meters at last month's World Championships, Sha'Carri Richardson and Noah Lyles, will hit the track for the 2023 Diamond League Final, as well as other record holders.

• Also in sports, **the Oregon Duck volleyballers are off to a roaring start**, with a top 10 ranking and victories over strong teams. Want to see what it's all about? Come out to see the Ducks take on the Beavers at Matthew Knight Arena at 7 pm Sept. 22.

• At some point — say, when 10 schools decide to jump ship for better deals in other sports conferences and kill the Pac-12 Conference — the mudslinging and trips to a courthouse start to make the news. **Oregon State and Washington state, the only schools left in "The Conference of Champions," fired the first shot Sept. 11** when they were granted a temporary emergency restraining order that effectively stops the Pac-12 from conducting formal board meetings until legal clarity is established as to who controls what is left of the conference. Amid all the financial craziness, does anyone remember football?

• **The swifts are back doing their nightly deep dive into the old chimney back of Agate Hall** at Agate and 18th. It's quite a thrill to see these little birds circle and drop into the chimney at dusk and come out to continue their journey in the morning. If you are there in the evening you can get an ice cream at Prince Pücklers to eat while you admire the avian magic. Go to [LaneAudubon.org](http://LaneAudubon.org) for more details.

• What we are reading: **The Oregonian's Sept. 3 issue reviews a second novel by Portland author Cecily Wong.** *Kaleidoscope* "tells a story about a biracial family that moves from Eugene to New York, where long hidden secrets come to light." We're intrigued.

# MISSING IN OUT OF THE VOID: The Many Ghosts

**T**he McKenzie River Valley—the collective name given to Lane County's nine unincorporated communities known as Cedar Flat, Camp Creek, Walterville, Leaburg, Vida, Nimrod, Finn Rock, Blue River and McKenzie Bridge—is known for its small town charm, beautiful outdoors and, currently, scorching wildfires. But the area also has a dark underbelly. Numerous people have gone missing in the area recently, and the bodies of two of those people have been recovered in just the past few months, leading some to speculate that something sinister may be going on.

However, according to the Lane County Sheriff's Office (LCSO), none of these cases appear to be connected.

In a July 18, *KMTR News* story on four people missing in the Blue River/Vida area, LCSO Public Information Officer Sgt. Tom Speldrich says, "The best I could do to put any minds at ease on that is to say we have not discovered any evidence that leads us to believe that they are linked or related or that there is a serial killer."

He adds, "Certainly if we're able to uncover any information that would lead us to believe that, we would be letting the public know for safety reasons, but we have nothing that tells us that that's the case right here. It's a wooded, wilderness, rural area. It's tough terrain. It can be hard to find people if they go missing in those areas, so while I can't say definitively that there's not a link, we have nothing that makes us think that there is at this point."

Even if the cases are not connected—and even if it turns out there is no foul play involved in them—it seems clear that there are many hidden skeletons in the vast wilderness of the McKenzie River Valley that are waiting to be found.

Some of these skeletons undoubtedly belong to people who got lost and disappeared; others seem to belong to people who chose to disappear; in other cases—such as the case of Shane Sprenger—it seems possible something more nefarious happened. I do not personally believe any of these cases are linked and, in my opinion, only Sprenger's case has hints that foul play was involved.

The following is an overview of some of McKenzie River Valley's missing persons and mysteries.

## MEKENNA CHRISTINE REILEY



Mekenna Christine Reiley, 40, was reported missing by loved ones on April 5, 2023, after a bizarre encounter with construction workers and LCSO deputies at a construction site in Blue River.

Reiley drove herself there for no apparent reason, and workers found her naked and called police. She told officers she was scared and "had nowhere safe to

go," according to her sister, Bevin Stepp, in an August 14 *Fox News* story.

Stepp says investigators told the family that Reiley appeared to have either been "roofied" or on "a lot of acid" when law enforcement arrived at the construction site, but LCSO has denied making those remarks.

Officially, LCSO has said that Reiley "was possibly suffering from a mental health crisis" when she vanished.

At the time of her disappearance, Reiley had an Arkansas-bound plane ticket and plans to visit a friend there, according to her sister.

Reiley, originally from Pennsylvania and the granddaughter of longtime former GOP state Rep. Merle Phillips, told relatives she wanted to move back because she did not feel safe in Lane County.

Media reports indicate Reiley's ex-boyfriend has been ruled out as a suspect in her case despite a history of domestic violence between them and an active no-contact order at the time of her disappearance.

Police found Reiley's phone, car, fresh groceries and dog at her home. Searchers later found a bag of her clothes in the woods but no other signs of her.

On Saturday, August 12, Reiley's body was found in the Blue River Reservoir. According to an August 17 story in *McKenzie River Reflections*, "The State Medical Examiner's office has ruled the cause of death as drowning. Officials say there are no signs of foul play."

It is assumed that, due to psychosis or delirium, Reiley got in the water and drowned.

While it may be that no foul play was involved, it seems regrettable that Reiley—who was naked and fearful and apparently disoriented from drugs or mental illness—was allowed to return home instead of being sent to the hospital by the LCSO officers who contacted her just prior to her disappearance, which might have prevented her terrible fate.

## SHANE ELDOR SPRENGER



Shane Eldor Sprenger, 47, of Blue River went missing in November 2021.

According to a March 31, 2022, episode of *The Vanished* podcast, "Shane Sprenger disappeared from Vida, Oregon, on Nov. 2, 2021." Sprenger was a contractor who was working at a job site near McKenzie Bridge. The podcast says that around 9:30 am, Sprenger left the job and returned to his home in Vida. He was never seen again.

Sprenger's truck was found abandoned on a logging road near Blue River Reservoir, about 16 miles away from his home near one of Sprenger's favorite mushroom picking spots. Some people close to him suggested that maybe he had gone mushroom picking and got lost, but it was later discovered that Sprenger had planned to return to the job site to meet with a subcontractor.

Sprenger's family in Minnesota had no idea that anything was wrong until they got a phone call several days after he vanished. "They made the trip to Oregon to search for him. They began to hear strange stories about the day Shane disappeared, tales that simply weren't adding up."

Sprenger, who had a reputation as a hard worker and seems to have been a well-liked member of the Blue River community, previously lost his home in the Holiday Farm Fire in 2020 and was in the process of rebuilding his life.

In June 2023, LCSO announced they had discovered the partial remains of Sprenger's body off Quartz Creek Road, about five miles southwest of the Blue River Reservoir, where his truck had been found in 2021.

In a July 7, *KMTR News* story, LCSO's Sgt. Tom Speldrich says, "We did not locate his entire body, we are still looking for that."

In the same story, Speldrich is quoted saying, "We don't have any reason to believe that there is foul play involved, but we also don't have reason to rule it out at this point."

Without pointing fingers at anyone, Sprenger's family has made it clear they believe foul play—possibly stemming from his failing marriage or conflict with local drug users—may be involved in his case.

Sprenger's family released the following statement on social media following the announcement that his partial remains had been discovered:

"It's been an excruciating year and a half for our family since Shane went missing on Nov. 2, 2021. He was 47 at the time of his disappearance. We are devastated and our hearts shattered to receive confirmation of his passing. Shane was a gentle soul, a selfless provider, a skilled and trusted carpenter, and the hardest worker we know. He was accepting of everyone and loyal to all that loved him. His was a senseless death, and there is more to uncover on what transpired the day he went missing."

The family asks people to contact LCSO with tips and reference case #21-6268 if you have information, or to submit an anonymous tip on [CrimeStoppersofOregon.com](http://CrimeStoppersofOregon.com).

## ERIC RAY BRAZIL



Eric Ray Brazil, 34, of Springfield has been missing since March 14, 2022. He disappeared after "he drove away from his home in a paranoid state" and may have been experiencing a mental health crisis, according to a March 30 *KVAL News* story.

Brazil was working as an assistant apartment manager at the time of his disappearance.

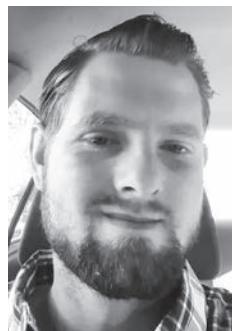
Brazil's friends report he became obsessed with Russia's invasion of Ukraine prior to his disappearance, and seemed to believe it was necessary to flee the area for his safety.

# PARADISE

## of the McKenzie River Valley BY BRENTON GICKER

Despite attempts by friends to calm him down, he frantically drove away in his vehicle, which was located days later in a treacherous, remote area near Vida. His phone was located near his vehicle and nobody has heard from him since his disappearance.

### CHAYSTON EUGENE ROBERTSON



Chayston ("Chase") Eugene Robertson, 25, has not been seen since April 29, 2020. He was reported missing by family on May 2, 2020. His car was found two days later up Quartz Creek Road near Vida along with his cellphone and other belongings.

Few details about his disappearance are available, but public records indicate he has a history of substance abuse and associated legal problems.

### DAMING XU



Daming Xu, 63, has been missing since Nov. 4, 2007. He is the only person discussed in this article who did not disappear under suspicious circumstances or come from a troubled background.

All accounts indicate Xu was a beloved husband and father of two children and a well-liked University of Oregon professor.

According to a Nov. 3, 2017, article from StrangeOutdoors.com, Xu came to the U.S. from China in the late 1980s and he became a professor of mathematics at the UO. "He and his wife, Shixiu, loved traveling to Oregon's wilderness areas for day hikes and

both were very fit for their age."

Xu headed to the Three Sisters Wilderness area to climb the Olallie Mountain in what was intended to be a day trip. His wife reported him missing the next day after he failed to return home.

His 2003 White Chevy Impala was found on Bear Flats near Terwilliger Hot Springs on Nov. 6.

Xu took a hiking book with him titled *100 Hikes in the Central Oregon Cascades* by William L Sullivan. Tattered remnants of the book were found in the woods a couple weeks after his disappearance, according to a *Register-Guard* article at the time. The other half of the book was in his Impala.

Extensive search efforts by the Army National Guard, LCSO, University of Oregon faculty members and search and rescue teams and others failed to find Xu.

Strangeoutdoors.com reports that "Despite a beautiful sunny day and a good map, he appears to have got disorientated and wandered off in the wrong direction to an unknown fate, for some reason. It was unfortunate that the weather turned bad soon after he was reported missing. Given the thick, inaccessible forest around the French Pete Creek drainage where his guidebook was found, it is likely his remains will never be discovered."

### REBEKAH NOEL BRAMEL



Rebekah Noel Bramel, 26, of Portland, has been missing since April 30, 2007. Family and friends report she was having a mental health crisis at the time she disappeared and may have been suicidal.

According to The Charley Project, in early May 2007, "the vehicle she'd borrowed from a friend was found five miles up an isolated

logging road road between Deerhorn and Goodpasture Roads, in a rural area east of Springfield. The vehicle had a flat tire and the gas tank was empty."

The contents of Bramel's wallet were laid out on the dashboard, The Charley Project says, including the cigarette case she cherished. "There was no sign of Bramel at the scene. She had previously visited the area with her boyfriend, but she has no relatives living there and authorities don't know why she would go there again."

As I wrote previously in an April 29, 2021, article "The Disappearance" for *Eugene Weekly*, "A major setback in figuring out what happened to Rebekah was the gap between when her vehicle turned up and when the tow company notified the owner that it had been recovered."

Her vehicle sat on the tow lot for about a month before the friend who owned the car was notified. "The tow company should have notified the police about the vehicle immediately, which would have triggered a search effort," I wrote. "The tow company's negligence resulted in a major delay in search efforts that might have been successful had they been conducted sooner."

My personal opinion is that every case mentioned above, other than Xu's, involves mental illness and/or substance abuse. Lack of treatment for mental illness and addiction, along with homelessness, are the biggest issues facing Oregonians. According to an April 17, 2020, article by Molly Harbarger in *The Oregonian*, "Oregon's chronically underfunded mental health system is nearly universally accepted as being broken. It ranks at or near the bottom on many national metrics." Until that changes, Oregonians can only expect more tragedies involving those suffering from mental illness and substance dependency.

Brenton Gicker is a registered nurse in Eugene who has worked for local mental health services for most of his adult life. He began writing stories about missing people in 2018. He can be reached at OutFromtheVoid@yahoo.com. More information on these cases can be found on The Charley Project at CharleyProject.org and from the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System at NamUs.nij.ojp.gov.

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## SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 16

### DRAG

Drag Bingo, 5pm, Old Nick's Pub, 211 Washington St. FREE.

### FARMERS MARKET

Lane County Farmers Market, 9am-3pm, Farmers Market Pavilion & Plaza, 85 E. 8th Ave.

South Valley Farmers Market, 10am-2pm thru. Oct. 28, 7th & Main St., Cottage Grove.

Spencer Creek Growers Market, 10am-2pm thru. Oct. 14, 86013 Lorane Hwy.

### FILM

Psychedelic Film, Discussion Circle & Library Browsing, noon-2pm, EDELIC Ctr., 631 E. 19th Ave. bldg. B. FREE.

### FOOD/DRINK

8th Annual Oktoberfest Celebration, 11:30am-10pm today thru. Oct. 2, beergarden, 777 W. 6th Ave. FREE.

Salmon & Succotash Farm Dinner/Fundraiser, 5-8pm, Hentze Family Farm, 30045 Hentze Lane Junction City. \$75.

### GATHERINGS

TransParent Support Group, 11am-12:30pm, email info@transponder.community for the link. FREE.

58th Annual Lane County Dahlia Show, noon-6pm today & 10am-4pm Sun., Lane Events Ctr., 796 W. 13th. FREE.

### KIDS/FAMILY

Imagination Library Celebration, 10am-noon, Bethel Branch Library, 1990 Echo Hollow Rd. FREE.

Wonder Gardening for Tots (ages 1-5), 10:11:30am, Parker Learning Gardens, 31241 Lanes Turn Rd. \$20.

Baby & Toddler Storytime, 10:15am, Bethel Branch Library, 1990 Echo Hollow Rd. FREE.

Family Storytime, 10:15am, Eugene Public Library, 100 W. 10th Ave. FREE.

### LECTURES/CLASSES

September Write Club, 10am-noon, Wordcrafters, 438 Charnelton St., Ste. 102. \$19.

Stress, Hormones & Health w/ Kari Rocco, FNP, 10:30-11:30am, Natural Grocers, 201 Coburg Rd. FREE.

### LITERARY ARTS

Meet & Greet Book Party: *Logodaidalia* by Brian Cutan, 2-4pm, Tsunami Books, 2585 Willamette. FREE.

### MARKETS

Saturday Market, 10am-4pm, Park Blocks, 8th Ave. & Oak St.

### MUSIC

Ken Luker, jazz-folk-blues, 11am, South Valley Farmers Market, 7th & Main, Cottage Grove. N/C.

Roseburg German Band, 4pm, beergarden, 777 W. 6th Ave. N/C.

Eric Leadbetter Duo, 6pm, McKenzie General Store & Obsidian Grill, rock, 91837 Taylor Rd, McKenzie Bridge. N/C.

Farm Concert w/ Jam Wagon, 6pm, County Line Flowers, 21055 Coburg Rd., Harrisburg. N/C.

Geoffrey Mays, blues, 6pm, Territorial Vineyards & Wine Co., 907 W. 3rd Ave. N/C.

The Cuthbert Amphitheater hosts **Leihoku Fest Eugene** Sept. 15. A night full of rock, reggae, island influences and more will fill the amphitheater as performers take the stage. Up from Orange County, Common Kings (pictured) headlines with their Polynesian reggae pop music. Iam Tongi, the 2023 American Idol winner from Kahuku, Hawaii, will perform as a special guest. Jakob Nowell, also known as Jakobs Castle and son of late Sublime singer, Bradley Nowell, will also make an appearance. Australian native and Polynesian artist, Sammy Johnson blends island reggae, soul and jazz and was recently added to the lineup. "We're doing the show to highlight the Polynesian community and their voyaging spirit," says Brenden Clement, managing member for Concert Kings Events. "Leihoku" is a Hawaiian word meaning "a lei (or wreath) of stars." In early August, a series of wildfires burned on Maui. Homes were destroyed. Scores of lives were taken and forever changed. The island will never be the same. Hawaiian native and former Oregon football player Marcus Mariota created the Motiv8 Foundation to motivate youth through education and recreation. The foundation is collaborating with the concert to encourage donations to the Maui Strong Fund, which provides resources for the community's needs. For every dollar donated through the Motiv8 Foundation, Leihoku Fest will match up to \$25,000 through Sept. 30. The Leihoku Fest Eugene will not only fuel an entertaining night, but will also contribute to an ongoing worldwide issue. "It will be welcoming to all in a celebration of Hawaiian and Polynesian culture," Clement says. "I really hope that they come away with a sense of ohana, and 'ohana' in Hawaiian means 'family.'"

*Cuthbert Amphitheater hosts Leihoku Fest Eugene Sept. 15 at 6pm located at 2300 Leo Harris Pkwy in Alton Baker Park. Tickets are \$50 online at TheCuthbert.com. Unless sold out, tickets day of show are \$55 at The Cuthbert Amphitheater Box Office. Donations can be made at Motiv8Foundation.com or at the event. — Brianna Murschel*

## THURSDAY

SEPTEMBER 14

### CIVICS

Program & Grant Development Committee Meeting, 10-11:30am, Online at uwswcd.org.

Eugene City Council: HRC Advocacy Workgroup Meeting, 5pm. Online at Eugene-OR.gov.

Eugene City Council: Active Transportation Committee, 5:30pm. Atrium Bldg., 99 W. 10th Ave., Sloat Rm.

Eugene City Council: Police Commission Meeting, 5:30pm. Online at Eugene-OR.gov.

### COMEDY

Wild Ones, 8-10pm today & Thu., Sept. 21, WildCraft Cider Works, 232 Lincoln St. FREE.

### FARMERS MARKET

Monroe Farmers Market, 4-7pm today & Thu., Sept. 21, Monroe High School, 365 N. 5th St., Monroe.

### FILM

*Outliers & Outlaws* Documentary Preview, 6-7:30pm, Museum of Natural and Cultural History, 1680 E. 15th Ave. \$6, \$4 sr., FREE stu.

### GATHERINGS

Repair & Alter your Stuff, 3-5pm, Zephyr House, 692 Jefferson St. FREE.

Queer, Trans & Disability Group, 6-7pm today & Thu., Sept. 21. Email Info@TransponderCommunity for link.

A Conversation About Pain - Ancient Ideas, Current Treatment, & Future Expectations, 7-8:30pm, Zoom link: <https://tinyurl.com/Pain2022>. FREE.

### LECTURES/CLASSES

Crafting a Path Toward Better Health, 7-9pm, Breakthrough Co Lab, 5250 Highbanks Rd. Ste 220, Spfd. \$12.

### MARKETS

UO Surplus Reuse Sale, 3-7pm, Romania Building, 2020 Franklin Blvd.

### MUSIC

Mays, Rempel & friends, 6pm, Territorial Vineyards & Wine Co., 907 W 3rd Ave.

Open Blues Jam w/ Dave Roberts, 6pm today & Thu., Sept. 21, Jimmy Mac's Overtime Bar & Grill, 770 S. Bertelsen Rd. N/C.

Counting Crows w/ Dashboard Confessional, rock & roll, 6:30pm, Hayden Homes Amphitheater, 344 SW. Shevlin Hixon Dr., Bend. \$45 sliding scale.

Jungle, electronic, 6:30pm, Edgefield, 2126 SW. Halsey St. Troutdale. \$49.50 adv., \$55 door.

Caveman Dave, covers-originals, 7pm, beergarden, 777 W. 6th Ave. N/C.

The Traceys, acoustic Americana, 7pm, Mac's Restaurant & Nightclub, 1626 Willamette. N/C.

Ancient Baby, funk-folk-reggae, 7:30pm, Thinking Tree Spirits, 88 Jackson St. N/C.

Joe Kelner Trio, hard pop-piano, 7:30pm, The Jazz Station, 124 W. Broadway. \$15.

Dark Satellite, Top Secret Robot Alliance & Dead See, indie-pop-rock, 9pm, Sam Bond's, 407 Blair Blvd. \$5.

El Bork! & The 4th Kind, modern surf music, 9:30pm, Blairally, 245 Blair Blvd. \$6.

Funk Jam!, 9:30pm today & Thu., Sept. 21, Luckey's Club, 933 Olive St. N/C.

### NIGHTLIFE

Cribbage Tournament, 6:30-8:30pm today & Thu., Sept. 21, Falling Sky Delicatessen, 790 Blair Blvd.

Quality Trivia /w Brett Silva, 6:30-8:30pm today & Thu., Sept. 21, Viking Brewing Company, 520 Commercial St. unit F. FREE.

Napoleon Dynamite, 7pm, McDonald Theatre, 1010 Willamette. \$45-55.

Small Batch Trivia from Geeks Who Drink, 7-9pm today & Thu., Sept. 21, Nelson's In The Whit, 394 Blair Blvd. FREE.

Crystal Harmony Karaoke, 7:30-11:30pm today & Thurs., Sept. 21, Happy Hours, 645 River Rd. FREE.

Wax Poetry Revue Burlesque, 9-11pm, The Big Dirty, 844 Olive St. \$10.

### SPECTATOR SPORTS

College Volleyball: Oregon vs. Pittsburgh, 4pm, in Pittsburgh. More info at GoDucks.com.

Collegiate Track & Field & Cross Country Hall of Fame, 6:30pm, Hult Ctr. FREE.

### FRIDAY

SEPTEMBER 15

### ART/CRAFT

*Surreal-Iris*, 10am-6pm everyday thru. Dec. 7, UO Law School 2d Floor Gallery, 1515 Agate. FREE.

### COMEDY

Sethington, 8pm, The Big Dirty, 844 Olive St. \$10.

### FILM

*Ghostbusters: Afterlife*, 6:30 pm, Dorris Ranch, 205 Dorris St. Spfd. FREE.

Sprout Film Festival, 6:30pm, The Arc of Lane County, 4181 E St., Spfd. FREE.

### GATHERINGS

Disability Services Advisory Council, 10:30-11:30am, Online link at Lcog.org.

City Club of Eugene Program, noon-1:30pm, Inn at the 5th, 205 E. 6th Ave.

Senior Services Advisory Council, 1-2pm, Online link at Lcog.org.

LGBTQ+ Youth Group, 4-6pm, Amazon Community Ctr., 2700 Hilyard St. FREE.

### KIDS/FAMILY

Itty Bitty Boutique Kids' Consignment Sale, 9am-9pm today, 9am-6pm Sat. & 8am-4pm Sun., Lane Events Ctr., 796 W. 13th. FREE.

Tot Discovery Day: Bubbles, 9am-noon, Eugene Science Ctr., 2300 Leo Harris Pkwy. FREE-\$9.

Family Storytime, 10:15am, Sheldon Branch Library, 1566 Coburg Rd. FREE.

### LECTURES/CLASSES

Create & Connect, 6:30-8pm, Breakthrough Co Lab, 5250 Highbanks Rd. Ste 220, Spfd. FREE.

Let's Taco 'Bout Organics! w/ Yaakov Levine, FNTP, 2-3pm, Natural Grocers, 201 Coburg Rd. FREE.

### MUSIC

Live Music Fridays, all day, 5th St. Public Market, 296 E. 5th Ave. N/C.

Live Music, 5pm, Alesong Brewing & Blending, 80848 Territorial Hwy. N/C.

Common Kings, Sammy Johnson, Iam Tongi & Jakobs Castle, reggae-rock, 6pm, The Cuthbert Amphitheater. \$50 adv., \$55 door.

Henry Cooper Band, blues, 6pm, Territorial Vineyards & Wine Co., 907 W. 3rd Ave. N/C.

The Jazz Symbiosis Trio, 6:30pm, Jazzy Ladies Cafe & Club, 560 Oak St. N/C.

Maya Vagner w/ Lucina Woods, originals, 7pm, 255 Madison St. \$10.

Banter Waves, jazz-hip-hop-funk, 7:30pm, The Public House, 418 A St., Spfd. N/C.

Dayan Kai, American-blues, 7:30pm, House Concert, 70 E. Howard Ave. \$15-20 sliding scale.

Rooster Blackspur, pop, 7:30pm, The Hybrid Gallery, 941 W. 3rd Ave. \$14.50 adv., \$16 door.

Coupe de Ville, rock, 8pm, Happy Hours, 645 River Rd. N/C.

GrrlBand, Marble & Mommy, rock, 8pm, WOW Hall, 291 W. 8th Ave. \$10 adv., \$15 door.

The SURVIVORS Band, rock, 8pm, The Embers, 1811 State Hwy 99 N. N/C.

DJ Meow Mixxx, 9pm, The Cooler Bar, 20 Centennial Lp. N/C.

Filthy Traitors, Gamma knife & Sweater for an Astronaut, punk-sludge metal, 9pm, Sam Bond's, 407 Blair Blvd. \$5.

Possessed by Paul James & Emerald Valley Roadkill, folk-bluegrass, 9pm, John Henry's, 881 Willamette. \$15 adv., \$20 door.

### NIGHTLIFE

Scrumptious Scoundrels Burlesque, 10pm, Old Nick's Pub, 211 Washington St. \$10.75 adv., \$15 door.

Salsa & Bachata Night, 9pm-12:30am, The Vet's Club, 1626 Willamette. \$8.

Church of 80s, 9:15pm-2am, Blairally, 245 Blair Blvd. \$4.

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College Volleyball: Oregon vs. James Madison, 2pm, in Pittsburgh. More info at GoDucks.com.

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### SPIRITUAL

Recovery Dharma Buddhist Recovery Meeting, 5:30-7pm, Unitarian Universalist Church, 1685 W. 13th Ave. FREE.

### MUSIC

Sweet Charity, 7:30pm today & Sat., 3pm Sun. thru Sept.

## calendar



Wren The Band, soul-folk, 6:30pm, Oregon Wine LAB, 488 Lincoln St. N/C.

Honest Strangers, rock & roll, 7pm, Viking Brewing Co., 520 Commercial St. Unit F. N/C.

Rutabaga Blossoms & Minor Mirage, folk-rock, 7pm, WildCraft Cider Works, 232 Lincoln St. \$10.

Muriel Anderson, acoustic, 7:30pm, Tsunami Books, 2585 Willamette. \$18.50.

The Jazz Symbiosis Quintet, jazz, 7:30pm, The Jazz Station, 124 W. Broadway. \$15.

The Jerryatics, psychedelic-rock, 7:30pm, beergarden, 777 W. 6th Ave. N/C.

KPOP Night, 8pm, WOW Hall, 291 W. 8th Ave. \$15 adv., \$18 door.

Emo Night, 9pm, John Henry's, 881 Willamette. \$5.

Stetson Heat Seeker, SourFuzz, Egotonics & Holy Nitemare, rock-psych surf, 9pm, Sam Bond's, 407 Blair Blvd. \$5.

DJ Mandy Mac, 10pm, Blarally, 245 Blair Blvd. \$6.

### OUTDOORS/RECREATION

Pacific Northwest Marathon, 7am, Coburg Grange, Mill & Willamette. \$35-120 sliding scale.

Cog Wild Moon Point Shuttle, 8:30am, Cog Wild, 48333 E. First St. \$85.

### SPECTATOR SPORTS

The Prefontaine Classic Professional Track & Field Event, 11:30am-2:30pm today & noon-3pm Sun., Hayward Field. Tickets at PreClassic.com/tickets.

College Football: Hawaii Rainbow Warriors vs. Oregon, 5pm, Autzen Stadium. Tickets at GoDucks.com (Pac-12 Network).

### SOCIAL DANCE

Social Change Through Dance, 3pm, Kasey Square, 10 E. Broadway. FREE.

### SPIRITUAL

River Wisdom Insight Meditation, 10:30am, Buddha Eye Temple, 2190 Garfield St. FREE.

### THEATER

Ancient Aliens LIVE: Project Earth, 6:30pm, McDonald Theatre, 1010 Willamette. \$55 sliding scale.

## SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 17

### COMEDY

Come On In! Comedy Open Mic, 9pm, The Barn Light Bar, 924 Willamette. FREE.

### FOOD/DRINK

Whiteaker Libations Tour, 1pm, The Ninkasi Better Living Room, 155 Blair Blvd. \$75-90.

### GATHERINGS

Deep Discussion Series, 5:30-7pm, 3rd & Monroe, 810 W 3rd Ave. FREE.

### LECTURES/CLASSES

Women's Self-Defense Class, 2-3pm, Art of War MMA, 164 W. Broadway. \$5-50 sliding scale.

### LITERARY ARTS

Reading Series ft. Willa Schneberg, Carter McKenzie & Endi Bogue Hartigan, 1-3pm, Studio 7 Art Gallery, 87230 Central Rd. FREE.

### MARKETS

Free Market, 1 pm -3 pm, 3rd & Monroe, 810 W 3rd Ave.

### MUSIC

Mood Area 52 + Baroque Betty Trio, rock-tango-jazz, 4pm, WildCraft Cider Works, 232 Lincoln St. N/C.

The Klezmonauts, jazz-bluegrass, 4pm, beergarden, 777 W. 6th Ave. N/C.

EastSide Sunday Jam, electric, 5pm, Twisted River Saloon, 1444 Main St., Spfd. N/C.

Olem Alves & Friends, 5pm, Alesong at Fifth St. Public Market, 248 E. 5th Ave #25. N/C.

10x10 Series: Shamarr Allen, 7:30pm, Hult Ctr. \$10.

Fee Faw Fum, Tarantula Trust Fund & Missed Connection, math rock-indie, 8pm, John Henry's, 881 Willamette. \$8.

Subversive Sunday EDM Night, 8pm, The Big Dirty, 844 Olive St. \$10.

The Disorders, Bad Luck Blackouts & DMF, melodic punk, 9pm, Sam Bond's, 407 Blair Blvd. \$5.

### NIGHTLIFE

Open Mic, 7-10pm, 3rd & Monroe, 810 W. 3rd Ave. FREE.

Karaoke Sunday, 7:30-11:30pm, Happy Hours, 645 River Rd. FREE.

### OUTDOORS/RECREATION

Yoga + Beer, 10-11am, The Public House, 418 A St., Spfd. \$25.

Eugene Community Ecstatic Dance & Movement, 11am-1pm, 118 Merry Ln. FREE.

### SPECTATOR SPORTS

College Volleyball: Oregon vs. Marquette, 11am, in Milwaukee. More info at GoDucks.com.

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### SPIRITUAL

On Religious Persecution, 10-11:30am, Baha'i Ctr., 1458 Alder St. FREE.

Spiritual Meeting, 11am-1pm, Ctr. for Sacred Sciences, 5440 Saratoga St. FREE.

## MONDAY

SEPTEMBER 18

### CIVICS

Eugene City Council: Public Hearing, 5:30pm, 101 W. 10th Ave., Rm 114.

### FOOD/DRINK

Industry Day, 5pm, Sunriver Brewing Co. Oakway Pub, 329 Oakway Rd. \$5.

### GATHERINGS

Cascade Stitchers, 1-3pm, River Rd. Annex, 1055 River Rd. FREE.

Mindful Psychedelic Integration Meeting, 7-8:30pm, 3rd & Monroe, Alton Baker Park near shelter 1. don.

### LECTURES/CLASSES

Expression Through Art, 4:30pm, Trauma Healing Project, 631 E. 19th Ave Bldg. B. \$5-15 sliding scale.

Restorative Wildcrafting w/ Local Herbalist, 9am-1pm, Friends of Buford Park & Mt. Pisgah's Native Plant Nursery, 34639 Frank Parish Rd. \$45.

### MUSIC

Brittany Danielle, soul-pop, 6-8:30pm, Thinking Tree Spirits, 88 Jackson St. N/C.

Eugene Peace Choir, 6-8pm, First United Methodist Church, 1376 Olive St. \$15 per month sliding scale.

Women's Choral Society, 6:30-9pm, UO School of Music Room 163, 971 E. 18th Ave. \$105 sliding scale.

Darryl Purpose & Gabrielle Louise, folk, 7:30pm, 70 E. Howard Ave. \$15-20 sliding scale.

Belted Sweater, Josie Wreck, Franz Murder, W/O The Blonde & Dead See, punk, 8pm, John Henry's, 881 Willamette. \$12.

Fireball Sunset, Agrobats & Animals With Clothes On, rock, 8pm, The Big Dirty, 844 Olive St. \$5.

### NIGHTLIFE

Beats & Boards, 6:30pm, beergarden, 777 W. 6th Ave. FREE.

Cribbage Tournament, 6:30-8:30pm, Coldfire Brewing Co., 263 Mill St. More at EugeneCribbage.com.

Open Mic, 6:30-10pm, Houndstooth Public House, 1795 W. 6th Ave. FREE.

TransPonder Book Club, 5-6pm. Email Info@Transponder.Community for link.

Trivia Mondays, 6:30-8:30pm, The Public House, 418 A St., Spfd. FREE.

Bingo, 9pm, Sam Bond's, 407 Blair Blvd. FREE.

### SPECTATOR SPORTS

"Hear the Glory," stories from track & field athletes, 7pm, Matthew Knight Arena. FREE.

## TUESDAY

SEPTEMBER 19

### ART/CRAFT

Figure Art Sessions, 6-9pm today & every Tues., 3rd & Monroe, 810 W. 3rd. \$8 drop-in, \$60 for 10 sessions.

### CIVICS

Eugene City Council: Human Rights Commission Meeting, 5:30pm, LCC Downtown Campus, 101 W. 10th Ave., Rm. #319.

### FARMERS MARKETS

Tuesday Farmers Market, 10am-3pm, Farmers Market Pavilion & Plaza, 85 E. 8th Ave.

### FILM

Movie Night: *Kiss the Ground*, 6-8pm, Unitarian Universalist Church, 1685 W. 13th Ave. FREE.

### GATHERINGS

Outreach — CORE, 4-7pm, DM on IG, FB, or text at 541-870-0036 between 11am-3pm for location. FREE.

### KIDS/FAMILY

Baby Storytime, 10:15am, Eugene Public Library. FREE.

Toddler Storytime, 11am, Eugene Public Library. FREE.

### LECTURES/CLASSES

Living w/ Memory Loss Series, 10am-noon, Waterford Grand, 600 Waterford Way. \$100 per family.

Releasing w/ Writing, 11:30am-12:30pm, Trauma Healing Project, 631 E. 19th Ave Bldg. B. \$5-15 sliding scale.

Sips of Happiness Mindfulness Class, 1pm, Trauma Healing Project, 631 E. 19th Ave Bldg. B. \$15.

Using Proper Body Mechanics in the Garden, 6:30-7:30pm, OSU Extension Service, Lane County, 996 Jefferson St. FREE.

### LITERARY ARTS

TransPonder Book Club, 5-6pm. Email Info@Transponder.Community for link.

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Rich Fisher, rock, 6:30pm, Happy Hours, 645 River Rd. N/C.

Roosters Blues Jam, blues, 6:30pm, Mac's Restaurant & Nightclub, 1626 Willamette. N/C.

Fall Women's Choir, 6:30-8:30pm. Contact songbird-sarahb@gmail.com for more info.

Bluegrass Jam, 8:30pm, Sam Bond's, 407 Blair Blvd. N/C.

**NIGHTLIFE**

Bingo /w Ty Connor, 6:30pm, The Public House, 418 A St., Spfd. FREE.

Trivia Night, 6:30pm, Sunriver Brewing Co. Oakway Pub, 329 Oakway Rd. FREE.

FWD Trivia, 7-8:30pm, The Ninkasi Better Living Room, 155 Blair Blvd. FREE.

Geeks Who Drink Trivia, 7pm, Old Nick's Pub, 211 Washington St. FREE.

Killer Trivia Night, 7-9pm, Killer Burger, 50 W. Broadway. FREE.

Trivia Tuesdays, 7-9pm, beergarden, 777 W. 6th Ave. FREE.

**RECREATION**

Gentle & Restorative Yoga, 10am, Trauma Healing Project, 631 E. 19th Ave. Bldg. B. FREE.

Nia Moving to Heal, 5pm, Reg. at HealingAttention.org. \$15 sliding scale.

**SOCIAL DANCE**

International Folk Dancing, 7:30-9:30pm, Eugene Friends Meeting House, 2274 Onyx St. \$15-20 sliding scale.

**TEENS**

Youth Discover Project (ages 13-17), 4-6pm, Parker Learning Gardens, 31241 Lanes Turn Rd. \$25.

**WEDNESDAY**

**SEPTEMBER 20**

**ART/CRAFT**

Figure Art Sessions, 6:15-9pm today & every Wed., New Zone Gallery, 110 E. 11th. \$8 drop-in, \$60 for 10 sessions

**CIVICS**

Eugene City Council: Work Session, noon, location: TBD.

4J School District Meeting, 7-9pm. Online at 4j.lane.edu/stream.

**FILM**

Movie Group: *The High & Mighty*, 1-3:30pm, Willama-

te.



# Ain't that Special

Photo by Todd Cooper

GODFATHER OF EUGENE COMEDY **SETH MILSTEIN** TAPES AN HOUR-LONG COMEDY SPECIAL AT THE BIG DIRTY

By Will Kennedy

**V**eteran Eugene comedian Seth Milstein will tape his first comedy special on Sept. 15 at The Big Dirty in Eugene. Behind the camera will be Brent James Driscoll, Seattle-based musician, comedian and videographer formerly of Eugene, whose team won the 2021 regional Emmy in entertainment for their Seattle-based livestream concert series, *Sessions in Place*.

Milstein has attempted to self-produce an hour-long comedy special before, but a series of technical mishaps turned those projects into dress rehearsals, he tells *Eugene Weekly* while sitting at The Big Dirty bar.

"I didn't really have time to focus on my stuff," Milstein says. "I just want to hire someone to do the job so I can show up."

When Milstein started standup comedy 14 years ago, Eugene had no comedy open mics to speak of. Since then, he's been instrumental in building a scene with almost nightly opportunities for experienced comedians to practice new material or those curious about standup comedy to try it for themselves.

Milstein, who won *EW*'s 2020 Best of Eugene: Best Comedian category, hosts an open mic at Slice Pizzeria & Bar's Whiteaker neighborhood location on Monday nights and helps bring regional and national touring comedians to town as he did with Just Comedy, a standup comedy promotion company.

For reasons mentioned, Milstein is often referred to by many as the "godfather" of the Eugene scene, and he's performed as far away as New York and California.

An experienced comedy videographer, Driscoll plans a five-camera shoot at The Big Dirty, he tells *EW* in a later phone call. The finished product will likely end up on platforms like YouTube and TikTok.

At live tapings, comedy audiences need to be mindful that a production's in progress with no heckling or little extra noise — beyond, of course, laughing. The show may also stop and start, he says.

Typically, Driscoll says, when he explains the ground rules, audiences listen. "They love just being a part of it," Driscoll says, and his own experience in comedy also helps him shoot other comedians. "I know what comedians want," Driscoll says.

Milstein's Big Dirty set, which he's written out for the first time to build a narrative arc, will feature go-to closers but also "newer stuff I've been working on lately that's been working really well," Milstein says.

"When I write something new," he adds, "I have these themes: This is about drug use, this is about my issues with depression. Fatherhood has always been a big theme — relationships, mental health, a lot of food stuff, food and sexuality."

Often conversational on stage, Milstein could be responsible for one of the best written one-liners to emerge from Eugene. Affectionately referring to his late mother, Milstein quips: "I loved her to death — and it worked!" ■

Supported by Eugene comedians Luke Miller, Angie Bloomfield, Devin Jones and Rudy Tybuczy, "Sethington: a Live Comedy Recording" is 9 pm Friday, Sept. 15, at The Big Dirty, 844 Olive Street. \$10, 21-plus.

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## Jonesin' Crossword

BY MATT JONES  
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### Across

1. "Bye now!"

5. Barber's tool

10. Union underminer

14. Business higher-up

15. Give the slip

16. Saved GPS setting, usually

17. On the verge of

18. Gripped tightly

19. Natural soother

20. [Mystery Clue 1]

23. Partner of "neither"

24. Spacy character in the

main "Derry Girls" group

25. [Mystery Clue 2]

31. Actress Hayek

33. Nullifies

34. \_\_\_-Caps (Nestle candy)

35. Big events on Wall St.

36. Tears apart

37. Velvet Underground singer

38. Litter peep

39. "Beetle Bailey" boss

40. 3x4 box, e.g.

41. [Mystery Clue 3]

44. One of the Gulf States

45. "Kill Bill" actress Thurman

46. [Mystery Clue 4]

53. Bowl-shaped skillets

54. Passé

55. Mystical presence

56. Steve of the "Guardians of

the Galaxy" series

57. Synchronously

58. Bird sacred to ancient

Egyptians

59. House member

60. One of the Gulf States

61. Heron's residence

11. Measure for some dress shirts

12. Singer Tori

13. Apiary dweller

21. What Italians call their capital

22. Messes up

25. Place for an all-day roast, maybe

26. Blatant

27. Vowel sound in "phone" but not "gone"

28. Raul Castro's predecessor

29. \_\_\_ Upon a Time in Hollywood"

30. Lunch time, often

31. Actor Liu of the MCU

32. Sci-fi planet inhabitants

36. Reason to save

37. Words after "Oh jeez"

39. Train for a bout

40. Smallest U.S. coin

42. Kept occupied

43. Out of the blue

46. \_\_\_ de Ch,o (Brazilian steakhouse chain)

47. Peacefulness

48. Supercollider collider

49. "Father of Modern Philosophy" Descartes

50. Cartoonist Goldberg

51. Dwarf planet named for a goddess

52. Part of SSE

53. \_\_\_-Dryl (store-brand allergy medication)



# FREE WILL ASTROLOGY

BY ROB BREZSNY

**ARIES** (MARCH 21-APRIL 19): Aries photographer Wynn Bullock had a simple, effective way of dealing with his problems and suffering. He said, "Whenever I have found myself stuck in the ways I relate to things, I return to nature. It is my principal teacher, and I try to open my whole being to what it has to say." I highly recommend you experiment with his approach in the coming weeks. You are primed to develop a more intimate bond with the flora and fauna in your locale. Mysterious shifts now unfolding in your deep psyche are making it likely you can discover new sources of soulful nourishment in natural places — even those you're familiar with. Now is the best time ever to hug trees, spy omens in the clouds, converse with ravens, dance in the mud and make love in the grass.

**TAURUS** (APRIL 20-MAY 20): Creativity expert Roger von Oech says businesspeople tend to be less successful as they mature because they become fixated on solving problems rather than recognizing opportunities. Of course, it's possible to do both — untangle problems and be alert for opportunities — and I'd love you to do that in the coming weeks. Whether or not you're a businessperson, don't let your skill at decoding riddles distract you from tuning into the new possibilities that will come floating into view.

**GEMINI** (MAY 21-JUNE 20): Gemini author Fernando Pessoa wrote books and articles under 75 aliases. He was an essayist, literary critic, translator, publisher, philosopher and one of the great poets of the Portuguese language. A consummate chameleon, he constantly contradicted himself and changed his mind. Whenever I read him, I'm highly entertained but sometimes unsure of what the hell he means. He once wrote, "I am no one. I don't know how to feel, how to think, how to love. I am a character in an unwritten novel." And yet Pessoa expressed himself with great verve and had a wide array of interests. I propose you look to him as an inspirational role model in the coming weeks, Gemini. Be as intriguingly paradoxical as you dare. Have fun being unfathomable. Celebrate your kaleidoscopic nature.

**CANCER** (JUNE 21-JULY 22): "Rather than love, than money, than fame, give me truth." Cancerian author Henry David Thoreau said that. I don't necessarily agree. Many of us might prefer love to truth. Plus, there's the inconvenient fact that if we don't have enough money to meet our basic needs, it's hard to make truth a priority. The good news is that I don't believe you will have to make a tough choice between love and truth anytime soon. You can have them both! There may also be more money available than usual. And if so, you won't have to forgo love and truth to get it.

**LEO** (JULY 23-AUG. 22): Before she got married, Leo musician Tori Amos told the men she dated, "You have to accept that I like ice cream. I know it shows up on my hips, but if you can't accept that, then leave. Go away. It is non-negotiable." I endorse her approach for your use in the coming weeks. It's always crucial to avoid apologizing for who you really are, but it's especially critical in the coming weeks. And the good news is that you now have the power to become even more resolute in this commitment. You can dramatically bolster your capacity to love and celebrate your authentic self exactly as you are.

**VIRGO** (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22): The Virgo writer Caskie Stinnett lived on Hamloaf, a small island off the coast of Maine. He exulted in the fact that it looked "the same as it did a thousand years ago." Many of the stories he published in newspapers featured this cherished home ground. But he also wandered all over the world and wrote about those experiences. "I travel a lot," he said. "I hate having my life disrupted by routine." You Virgos will make me happy in the coming weeks if you cultivate a similar duality: deepening and refining your love for your home and locale, even as you refuse to let your life be disrupted by routine.

**LIBRA** (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22): My hitchhiking adventures are finished. They were fun while I was young, but I don't foresee myself ever again trying to snag a free ride from a stranger in a passing car. Here's a key lesson I learned from hitchhiking: Position myself in a place that's near a good spot for a car to stop. Make it easy for a potential benefactor to offer me a ride. Let's apply this principle to your life, Libra. I advise you to eliminate any obstacles that could interfere with you getting what you want. Make it easy for potential benefactors to be generous and kind. Help them see precisely what it is you need.

**SCORPIO** (OCT. 23-NOV. 21): In your history of togetherness, how lucky and skillful have you been in synergizing love and friendship? Have the people you adored also been good buddies? Have you enjoyed excellent sex with people you like and respect? According to my analysis of the astrological omens, these will be crucial themes in the coming months. I hope you will rise to new heights and penetrate to new depths of affectionate lust, spicy companionship, and playful sensuality. The coming weeks will be a good time to get this extravaganza underway.

**SAGITTARIUS** (NOV. 22-DEC. 21): Is it ever morally permissible to be greedily needy? Are there ever times when we deserve total freedom to feel and express our voracious longings? I say yes. I believe we should all enjoy periodic phases of indulgence — chapters of our lives when we have the right, even the sacred duty, to tune into the full range of our quest for fulfillment. In my astrological estimation, Sagittarius, you are beginning such a time now. Please enjoy it to the max! Here's a tip: For best results, never impose your primal urges on anyone; never manipulate allies into giving you what you yearn for. Instead, let your longings be beautiful, radiant, magnetic beacons that attract potential collaborators.

**CAPRICORN** (DEC. 22-JAN. 19): Here's a Malagasy proverb: "Our love is like the misty rain that falls softly but floods the river." Do you want that kind of love, Capricorn? Or do you imagine that a more boisterous version would be more interesting — like a tempestuous downpour that turns the river into a torrential surge? Personally, I encourage you to opt for the misty rain model. In the long run, you will be glad for its gentle, manageable overflow.

**AQUARIUS** (JAN. 20-FEB. 18): According to the Bible's book of Matthew, Jesus thought it was difficult for wealthy people to get into heaven. If they wanted to improve their chances, he said they should sell their possessions and give to the poor. So Jesus might not agree with my current oracle for you. I'm here to tell you that every now and then, cultivating spiritual riches dovetails well with pursuing material riches. And now is such a time for you, Aquarius. Can you generate money by seeking enlightenment or doing God's work? Might your increased wealth enable you to better serve people in need? Should you plan a pilgrimage to a sacred sanctuary that will inspire you to raise your income? Consider all the above, and dream up other possibilities, too.

**PISCES** (FEB. 19-MARCH 20): Piscean author Art Kleiner teaches the art of writing to non-writers. He says this: 1. Tell your listeners the image you want them to see first. 2. Give them one paragraph that encapsulates your most important points. 3. Ask yourself, "What tune do you want your audience to be humming when they leave?" 4. Provide a paragraph that sums up all the audience needs to know but is not interesting enough to put at the beginning. I am offering you Kleiner's ideas, Pisces, to feed your power to tell interesting stories. Now is an excellent time to take inventory of how you communicate and make any enhancements that will boost your impact and influence. Why not aspire to be as entertaining as possible?

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**ESTATE OF KAREN DENISE HELMS NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS CASE 23PB07143** Notice: The Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of LANE has appointed the undersigned as Personal Representative of the Estate of Karen Denise Helms, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present the same, with proper vouchers to the undersigned personal representative in care of the undersigned attorney at: 294 Warner Milne Rd. #A, Oregon City, OR 97045 within four (4) months from the date of first publication of this notice as stated below, or they may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by this proceeding may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the Personal Representative, or the Attorney for the Personal Representative. Dated and first published September 7, 2023. Personal Representative: Toby Helms. Attorney: Grant Yoakum, OSB #921600, 294 Warner Milne Rd. #A, Oregon City, OR 97045, (503) 697-1009

**ESTATE OF RANDALL CARL POOLE NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS** Case No. 23PB05958 Notice: The Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Lane has appointed the undersigned as Personal Representative of the Estate of RANDALL CARL POOLE, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present the same, with proper vouchers to the undersigned personal representative in care of the undersigned attorney at: 294 Warner Milne Rd. Ste. A, Oregon City, OR 97045 within four (4) months from the date of first publication of this notice as stated below, or they may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by this proceeding may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the Personal Representative, or the Attorney for the Personal Representative. Dated and first published August 31, 2023. Attorney/Personal Representative: Grant Yoakum, OSB #921600, 294 Warner Milne Rd. Ste. A, Oregon City, OR 97045, (503) 697-1009

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR LANE COUNTY Juvenile Department** In the Matter of JAMESON DAY BATTON, Child. Case No. 23JU02830 PUBLISHED SUMMONS TO: Danielle Elizabeth Batton IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON: A petition has been filed asking the court to terminate your parental rights to the above-named child under ORS 419B.500, 419B.502, 419B.504, 419B.506 and/or 419B.508 for the purpose of placing the child for adoption. YOU ARE REQUIRED TO PERSONALLY APPEAR before the Lane County Court, 2727 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, Eugene, OR 97401, on the 5th day of October, 2023 at 10:00 a.m., for a hearing on the allegations of the petition and to personally appear at any subsequent court-ordered hearing. YOU MUST APPEAR PERSONALLY in the courtroom on

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR LANE COUNTY Probate Department** In the Matter of the Estate of WILLIAM A. HARRISON, Deceased. Case No. 23PB07528 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS. NOTICE IS GIVEN that Audrey E. Harrison has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons hav-

ing claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the personal representative c/o Robert Cole Tozer, Attorney at Law, 975 Oak St., Suite 615, Eugene, OR 97401, (541)345-0795, within four months of the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative, or the personal representative's attorney, Robert Cole Tozer. DATED and first published August 31, 2023. Personal Representative /s/ Audrey E. Harrison

ing claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the personal representative c/o Robert Cole Tozer, Attorney at Law, 975 Oak St., Suite 615, Eugene, OR 97401, (541)345-0795, within four months of the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative, or the personal representative's attorney, Robert Cole Tozer. DATED and first published August 31, 2023. Personal Representative /s/ Audrey E. Harrison

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR LANE COUNTY Probate Department** In the Matter of the Estate of Helen Guy Anderson, Deceased. Case No. 23PB07269 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the undersigned Personal Representative at 767 Willamette Street, Suite 302, Eugene, Oregon 97401, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the Personal Representative, or the attorney for the Personal Representative, John C. Fisher. Dated and first published on August 31, 2023. Susan Brous, Personal Representative

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR LANE COUNTY Probate Department** In the Matter of the Estate of Bonnie Sue Grimm, Deceased. Case No. 23PB07724 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS. NOTICE IS GIVEN that Stacey Nicole Gregory has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the personal representative c/o Robert Cole Tozer, Attorney at Law, 975 Oak St., Suite 615, Eugene, OR 97401, (541)345-0795, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative, or the personal representative's attorney, Robert Cole Tozer. DATED and first published September 7, 2023. Personal Representative /s/ Stacey Nicole Gregory

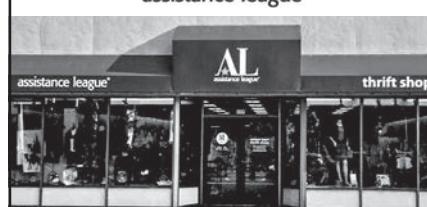
**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR LANE COUNTY Probate Department** In the Matter of the Estate of Sibyl Louise Birch, Deceased. Case No. 23PB07407 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Letitia Marie Mack has been appointed personal representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them to the personal representative at the law office of Bassinger Hoyt LLC, Attn: Scott G. Bassinger, 1200 Executive Parkway, Suite 320, Eugene, Oregon 97401 within four months after the date of first publication of this notice or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative or the attorney for the personal representative, Scott G. Bassinger, Bassinger Hoyt LLC, 1200 Executive Parkway, Suite 320, Eugene, Oregon 97401. Date of first publication: 09/07/23. Personal Representative: Letitia Marie Mack, 9405 NE Pinecreek Street, Vancouver, WA 98664, Telephone: 541-870-2407. Attorney for Personal Representative: Scott G. Bassinger, OSB# 920285, Bassinger Hoyt LLC, 1200 Executive Parkway, Suite 320 Eugene, Oregon 97401, Telephone: 541-687-8700, Fax: 541-687-8701, scott@bassingerhoyt.com

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR LANE COUNTY PROBATE DEPARTMENT.** In the Matter of the Estate of ELEANOR JOYCE SALISBURY, Deceased. Case No. 23PB07348 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, Jeff Salisbury, has been appointed Personal Representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the personal representative, Jeff Salisbury, c/o Kent Anderson Law Office, 888 West Park, Eugene, Oregon 97401, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court or the Personal Representative. Dated and first published September 7, 2023. /s/ Jeff Salisbury, Personal Representative

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR LANE COUNTY.** In the Matter of the Estate of JUAN ANTONIO MORA LOPEZ, Deceased. Case No. 23PB07363 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the undersigned personal representative at the law office of Vincent & Associates, Attn: Charles H. Vincent, 1200 Executive Parkway, Suite 310, Eugene, Oregon 97401, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the personal representative, or the lawyers for the personal representative, Charles H. Vincent, OSB No. 941511, 1200 Executive Parkway, Suite 310, Eugene, Oregon 97401; (541)687-6765; email: cvincent@vincentandassociates.net. Dated and first published on September 14, 2023. /s/ Charles H. Vincent, Lawyer for Personal Representative. PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: Christian J. Mora, 2287 Minnesota St., Eugene, OR 97402, (541)501-7135. LAWYER FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: Charles H. Vincent, OSB No. 941511, Vincent & Associates, 1200 Executive Pkwy, Ste 310, Eugene, OR 97401, (541)687-6765; Email: cvincent@vincentandassociates.net

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LANE** In the Matter of the Estate of NAOMI MATHILDA BAKER, Deceased. No. 23-PC-07083 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present the same within four months from this date at the law offices of Sorenson, Ransom & Ferguson, LLP, 133 NW D Street, Grants Pass, OR 97526; claims not so presented may be barred. The rights of the heirs and devisees may be affected by this proceeding. Additional information may be obtained from the Court records, the Personal Representative or the attorneys for the estate. Dated: September 7, 2023. Allison Baker, Personal Representative. (Publish: September 14, 2023)

**NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS - ESTATE OF CLAIRE HARRIET COLOMBO - LANE COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT CASE NO. 23PB07981.** NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Shirley Lou Hall has been appointed personal representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with written evidence thereof attached, to the personal representative at 292 38th Place, Springfield, OR 97478. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice to the personal representative at the address stated above

for the presentation of claims or such claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by this proceeding may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the personal representative, or the attorney for the personal representative. Dated and first published September 14, 2023. Attorney for personal representative: Salvatore Catalano, OSB#161012, Catalano Law P.C., P.O. Box 5026, Eugene, OR 97405.

**NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS - ESTATE OF PHILIP JOHN SIEMENS - LANE COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT CASE NO. 23PB07068.** NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Erin Warren Siemens has been appointed personal representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with written evidence thereof attached, to the personal representative at 1598 Old Oak Park Rd., Arroyo Grande, CA 93420. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice to the personal representative at the address stated above for the presentation of claims or such claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by this proceeding may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the personal representative, or the attorney for the personal representative. Dated and first published August 31, 2023. Attorney for personal representative: Salvatore Catalano, OSB#161012, Catalano Law P.C., P.O. Box 5026, Eugene, OR 97405.

**NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE STATE OF OREGON FOR LANE COUNTY - PROBATE DEPARTMENT CASE NO. 23PB05648.** In the matter of the Estate of REBECCA LYNN OSTRANDER, Deceased. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that JERAMY OSTRANDER has been appointed personal representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the aforementioned personal representative c/o Northwest Legal, Attn: Jino Hwang, 975 Oak Street, Suite 700, Eugene, OR 97401, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative, or attorney for the personal representative, Northwest Legal, Attn: Jino Hwang, 975 Oak Street, Suite 700, Eugene, OR 97401.

**NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE STATE OF OREGON FOR LANE COUNTY - PROBATE DEPARTMENT CASE NO. 23PB07265.** In the matter of the Estate of ROBERT ANDRE HEURQUE, Deceased. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that TODD THOMAS, of Cornerstone Services, Inc. has been appointed personal representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the aforementioned personal representative c/o Northwest Legal, Attn: Jino Hwang, 975 Oak Street, Suite 700, Eugene, OR 97401, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative, or attorney for the personal representative, Northwest Legal, Attn: Jino Hwang, 975 Oak Street, Suite 700, Eugene, OR 97401.

**NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed and has qualified as the Personal Representative of the Estate of Edith Mae Ferguson, deceased, Lane County Probate No. 23PB07602.** All persons having claims against the estate are required to present their claims, with proper vouchers, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice to the personal representative at the address stated above

date of first publication of this notice, as stated below, to the Personal Representative at 188 West B Street, Bldg. N, Springfield, Oregon 97477, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings in this Estate may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the Personal Representative, or the attorney for the Personal Representative. Dated and first published: 08/31/23. Rachael Michelle Dunn, Personal Representative. Alex E. Gavrilidis, Attorney for Personal Representative, Leahy Cox, LLP , 188 W. B Street, Bldg. N, Springfield, Oregon 97477, (541) 746-9621

**NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed and has qualified as the Personal Representative of the Estate of David Julius Henson, deceased, Lane County Probate No. 23PB07601.** All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with written evidence thereof attached, to the personal representative at 1598 Old Oak Park Rd., Arroyo Grande, CA 93420. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them within four months after the date of first publication of this notice to the personal representative at the address stated above for the presentation of claims or such claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by this proceeding may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the personal representative, or the attorney for the personal representative. Dated and first published 08/31/23. Danielle C. Daniels, Personal Representative. Alex E. Gavrilidis, Attorney for Personal Representative, Leahy Cox, LLP, 188 W. B Street, Bldg. N, Springfield, Oregon 97477, (541) 746-9621

**NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS: Probate proceedings in the Estate of Don E. Dumond, Deceased, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that JERAMY OSTRANDER has been appointed personal representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the aforementioned personal representative c/o Northwest Legal, Attn: Jino Hwang, 975 Oak Street, Suite 700, Eugene, OR 97401, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN to all persons whose rights may be affected by the above-entitled proceedings that additional information may be obtained from the records of the Court, the Personal Representative or the attorneys for the Personal Representative. Dated and first published this 31 day of August, 2023**

**FOR THE COUNTY OF LANE PROBATE DEPARTMENT** In the Matter of the Estate of LEROY OLESON, JR., Deceased. Case No. 23PB07650 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Shirleen G. Malcolm has been appointed personal representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the personal representative c/o R. Scott Corey, Oregon Probates, LLC, 1011 Liberty St, SE, Salem, OR 97302, within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the personal representative, or the lawyers for the personal representative, Shirleen G. Malcolm. Dated and first published on September 14, 2023. /s/ Shirleen G. Malcolm, Personal Representative: Shirleen G. Malcolm; Phone: (541) 870-5787. Attorney for Personal Representative: R. Scott Corey, OSB No. 910346; Oregon Probates, LLC, 1011 Liberty St, SE, Salem, OR 97302; Phone (503) 779-0088; Fax: (503) 581-1818; Email: Office@OregonProbatesLLC.com.

# SAVAGE LOVE

BY DAN SAVAGE



*I'm reading you from Italy, and I could really use your advice. About four years ago, I started dating a girl who I've been living with for the past two months. Since I've known her, she has been suffering from periods of depression and anxiety, although I didn't know it when we first started to date. She used to spend a lot of time in therapy and continues to take medication. It has been very tough for both of us, and I even ended up talking to a psychologist for a while.*

*I was immediately captivated by her sensitivity, her sweetness and the way she sees things. In many ways, she completes me. But soon after the beginning stages of our relationship, our connection lost its passionate side almost entirely, mainly due to the medication she's taking, but also because of her anxieties related to the fear of pain in her intimate areas. I've tried to accept this while encouraging her to see specialists who could alleviate her fears. I've also been encouraging her to resume her conversations with her psychologist, which she stopped about three months ago.*

*What should I do? I don't want to break up with her. I care about her and believe that with time, things will get better, but right now there is a significant void in our relationship.*

— *Vexed Over Intimate Decline*

You're not fucking, right?

I don't know what else, "our connection lost its passionate side," could possibly mean, so I'm gonna go with "not fucking." And it sounds like the fucking stopped — it sounds like the passion was lost — pretty early in the relationship ("soon after the beginning stages"), which means you've been in a sexless relationship for three years and change.

Just in case you need to hear it from someone: There's nothing wrong with wanting to have sex with your romantic partner, VOID, particularly if the relationship was sexual at the start. And while I don't think it's fair to head for the exits at the first sign of a physical or emotional challenge — it's certainly not loving — we aren't obligated to stay in relationships that don't meet our reasonable emotional and physical needs. (There's also a huge difference between abandoning someone after decades together and ending a relationship relatively early in life that isn't meeting your needs.)

You said you don't want to break up, VOID, but at the very least you need to consider breaking up. Because not only are you growing increasingly unhappy in this relationship, VOID, it doesn't sound like your girlfriend is very happy. You've tried to help, and it hasn't worked — but, hey, maybe something will click after another year or two or three and your girlfriend will start seeing her psychologist again and the specialists she needs to see. (I would recommend a pelvic floor specialist.) But what if things don't get better? What if this is it? Are you willing to stay in this relationship, as-is, for the rest of your life?

Having a loving and supportive partner in our corner during a life crisis can make all the difference. But sometimes having a partner who refuses to leave us because we're depressed or unemployed or on fire — sometimes knowing our partner would never abandon us in that condition — can perversely incentivize not seeking treatment or looking for work or stamping out the flames. Which is why a person in your position, VOID, a person with your values, eventually has to ask himself, "Is staying helping my partner or hurting my partner? Am I standing by them or am I enabling them?" Some other questions you need to ask yourself at this point: "Am I happy?" "Am I being cared for?" "If nothing changes, can I live like this — can I live with these unfilled voids — for the rest of my life?"

Once you've answered those questions — and answered them honestly — you'll know what you need to do. Leaving will be extremely hard, if that's what you ultimately decide you need to do, but leaving someone doesn't have to mean abandoning them. You can still be there for this amazing woman — not as a boyfriend, but as a close friend. Still supportive, still encouraging and still amazed.

*I'm a 31-year-old Italian girl. I'm in a relationship with a married man who has two children, both around the age of 10. He joined my sports league this winter. We had a long flirtation that became sexual in April, and we fell in love. The first months were awesome, and we had great sex imbued into both romance and roughness. As our relationship went on, he started saying things that seemed to show a desire to separate from his wife. (He says they don't have sex.) He said things like, "I would love just doing laundry with you," and, "I really would love to sleep with you every night." At some point, things with his wife worsened. He shared thoughts about separation and divorce with me and with his parents. (His parents now know of my existence.) At some point, during a conflict with his wife, they finally used the word "separation." He became sad and told me he couldn't do it. He said his kids would suffer too much. From that moment, I could not bear this relationship anymore. I am too deeply in love, and my expectations could not revert to what they once were. I'm trying to break up with him, but it is hard. I talked with him about my feelings, and he feels guilty about telling me things that made me believe in a future with him. So now, even though he says he is in love with me, he has agreed to break up, because he doesn't want me to suffer. But I am sad. I don't know what to do. I know it would be better for me to forget about him, but it is hard. Are there any solutions to overcoming this situation quickly? One of the problems is that we are on the same recreational sports team, which means we see each other twice a week.*

— *Breakup Attempt Somehow Isn't Catching*

So, you wanna break up with him, he's graciously agreed to break up with you, but you're having a hard time sticking the dismount because — like Neil Sadeka discovered back in 1962 — breaking up is hard to do. It's particularly hard to do when the sex is great, the connection is awesome and circumstances keep throwing you together.

But circumstances — at least the ones you mentioned — aren't outside your control. If you can't see him without feeling sad and/or wanting to fuck him and/or feeling sad right after you fuck him, BASIC, then you'll have to stop seeing him. That means asking him to quit the team (you were there first) or, if he refuses, quitting the team yourself. If you're not willing to do that — if you're not willing quit the team — then I can only conclude you don't wanna stop fucking this guy and you aren't going to stop fucking this guy. You have the decency to feel bad about continuing to fuck him, though, which speaks well of your character.

P.S. If your lover is only staying in his marriage because the kids are young and divorce would upset their lives, your lover and his wife are likely to part ways — amicably — once their kids are grown. I realize a decade is a long time to wait, but mistresses who play the long game sometimes win the crown. Just ask Camilla.

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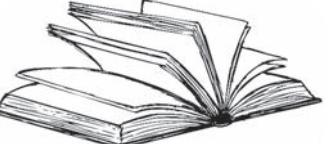
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# Fact-Checking Holvey's Claims

Noted liar<sup>1</sup> Paul Holvey has made a number of claims in his official response to the upcoming Recall election. Some of his claims *really* stretch the truth!



## "standing up for working families"

Holvey's idea of "standing up" for working families includes slashing their pensions twice<sup>2</sup> (because the first was declared illegal by the Supreme Court!), eliminating hazard pay for front-line COVID workers<sup>3</sup>, and opposing organizing rights<sup>4</sup>.

## "raise the minimum wage"

SB 1532 (2016) began in the Senate Workforce Committee, which had three meetings on the subject and adopted amendments. According to the Legislative Record, Rep. Holvey did not participate in those meetings. Rep. Holvey held a 90-minute hearing, at which no changes were made. The bill passed on a mostly party-line vote.<sup>8</sup>

### Un-fun Fact:

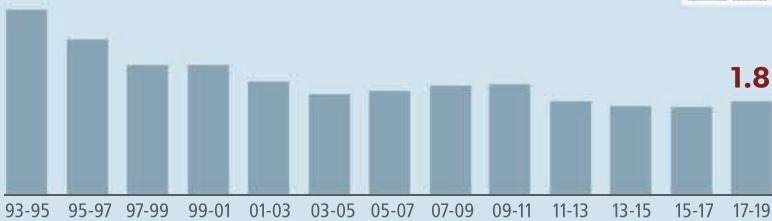
Thanks to SB 1532, the minimum wage in Eugene will always be \$1.25/hour less than the minimum wage in Portland.<sup>10</sup> (Yes, Democrats had double Legislative majorities at the time.)



## "workplace safety laws"

There have been some decent workplace safety laws put in place that have come across Holvey's desk. But even though Holvey is on the budget-writing Ways & Means Committee, he's done nothing to stem the disinvestment of enforcement staff at BOLI (see chart below)<sup>14</sup> and Oregon-OSHA. All the safety regulations in the world aren't going to help workers if we don't have the staff to hold unsafe employers accountable. Holvey hasn't done that hard work.

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BOLI Wage and Hour staff per 100,000 Oregon workers per biennium

## "the environment"

Just last session, Holvey helped pass HB 3414 out of Committee<sup>5</sup>, which tried to undo much of Oregon's land use system and was labeled by environmental advocates as the "biggest rollback of urban environmental protections that Oregon has ever seen."<sup>6</sup>

### From Paul Holvey's "Statement of Justification" filed with the Secretary of State:

#### VOTE NO ON THIS RECKLESS RECALL

As your State Representative, I'm proud of my record **standing up for working families, the environment, protecting access to reproductive health care, and prioritizing investments in our community**. I fought successfully to raise the **minimum wage, establish paid sick time, improve workplace safety laws and ensure fair pay for farm workers**.

One disgruntled union launched this recall after I **asked questions** about their proposed legislation. Because **our attorneys said** it would violate federal law, I decided to not support it. Their retribution is spending a fortune on a smear campaign to place this recall on the ballot. No other union or organization has joined them.

This recall would overturn a fair election result from less than a year ago. **Recalls should be used when elected officials commit crimes or major ethical abuse, not when one special interest gets upset because their bill didn't pass.**

Please Vote NO.

## "I asked questions"

No he didn't. Watch the hearing for yourself:



## "attorneys said it would violate federal law"

The legislative attorneys said no such thing, and had to remind Holvey of that fact:<sup>15</sup>

"... absent judicial guidance on this issue, **we cannot predict** with certainty how the NLRB or a court would ultimately decide."

Letter from Legislative Counsel to Rep. Holvey, 5/15/23

## "investments in our communities"

OPB recently reported<sup>7</sup> Holvey's committee "quietly OK'd a **\$90 million cost overrun**" on renovating the State Capitol, without mentioning it to the public or even noting it in documentation. Co-Chair Rep. Holvey didn't respond to OPB's inquiries as to why.

## "establish paid sick time"

The bill that established paid sick time, SB 454, lists its Chief Sponsors as Rep. Rosenbaum, Sen. Steiner Hayward, Rep. Hoyle, and Rep. Vega Pederson. Holvey is listed as a minor sponsor **along with 23 other lawmakers**. It did not go through any committee that Holvey sat on.<sup>9</sup>

## "fair pay for farmworkers"

Holvey is listed as a Chief Sponsor on HB 4002,<sup>11</sup> which indeed required overtime pay for farmworkers. However, after the bill was amended once, Holvey specifically requested and adopted amendments to the bill<sup>12</sup> (and later requested and passed HB 2058 in 2023) to pay affected employers up to **\$10 million out of the General Fund**<sup>13</sup> to recoup their costs, essentially shifting costs to taxpayers and public services.

## "Recalls should be used when..."

As a matter of fact, most recalls in Oregon originate because politicians fell out of step with their constituents' values, not because of a crime or ethics violation.<sup>16</sup>

Even so, the curious connection between La Mota's cannabis industry contributions and Holvey's killing of HB 3183 is recall-worthy under this standard! (More info on that at [www.RecallPaulHolvey.com](http://www.RecallPaulHolvey.com))

## We List our sources! (Paul Holvey doesn't.)

1. "Our Legislative Counsel confirmed that the proposed legislation and amendment were in fact preempted by federal law and would not be legal." (paulholvey.com, June 29, 2023); directly contradicts Legislative Counsel guidance.
2. Oregon Legislative Information System, Senate Bill 822 (2013 Session) and Senate Bill 1049 (2019) / The Oregonian: "Oregon Supreme Court partially overturns Legislature's PERS reforms, eliminating a big chunk of savings" April 30, 2015.
3. LC 157 (2022 Session).
4. House Bill 3183 (2023 Session).
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